



HEAVY VEHICLE NATIONAL LAW

National Class 2 Bus Authorisation Notice 2024 (No.1)

1. Purpose

This notice authorises the use of class 2 heavy vehicles that are buses, other than articulated buses, that are longer than 12.5m.

2. Authorising provision

- 1) This notice is made under the following provision of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL):
 - a) section 138 – *Regulator’s power to authorise use of all or stated categories of class 2 heavy vehicles*

3. Title

This notice may be cited as the *National Class 2 Bus Authorisation Notice 2024 (No.1)*.

4. Commencement date

This notice commences on 10 February 2024.

5. Expiry date

This notice expires on 9 February 2029.

6. Definitions

- 1) Unless otherwise stated, words and expressions used in this notice have the same meanings as those in the HVNL and its regulations.
- 2) In this notice:

Guide means the *National Controlled Access Bus Operator’s Guide*, as amended from time to time.

7. Application

- 1) This authorisation notice applies to a class 2 vehicle that is a bus, other than an articulated bus, that is longer than 12.5m.
- 2) This Notice applies in all participating jurisdictions.
- 3) This notice applies in a participating jurisdiction subject to the conditions provided in the body of this notice and the conditions of the Schedule relevant to that jurisdiction.
- 4) A heavy vehicle to which this section applies and that complies with the conditions of this notice is an eligible vehicle.

8. Condition – stated areas or routes

- 1) An eligible vehicle complying with the conditions of this notice is authorised to operate on areas and routes specified in a schedule.
- 2) For the purposes of section 138(1)(a) of the HVNL, an area or route specified in this section is a stated area or route to which this notice applies.
- 3) An eligible vehicle operating on an area or route specified in this section must comply with any of the following conditions prescribed for that area or route:
 - a) Road conditions pursuant to section 160 of the HVNL; and
 - b) Travel conditions pursuant to section 161 of the HVNL; and
 - c) Vehicle conditions pursuant to section 162 of the HVNL.

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Schedule 1 Australian Capital territory

1. Application

This Schedule applies in the Australian Capital Territory.

2. Condition – Stated routes and areas (Networks)

- 1) Pursuant to the authorisation granted in section 8 of this notice, an eligible vehicle meeting the requirements of this notice and this Schedule may operate on the routes and areas specified in the following network:

Approved routes for 14.5m Controlled Access Bus

- 2) Regardless of any access granted under this section, an eligible vehicle must comply with any conditions or restrictions applied to a stated area or route in the *Specified Road Manager Network Requirements* in the Guide.

Schedule 2 New South Wales

1. Application

This Schedule applies in New South Wales.

2. Condition – Stated routes and areas (Networks)

- 1) Pursuant to the authorisation granted in section 8 of this notice, an eligible vehicle meeting the requirements of this Notice and this Schedule may operate on the routes and areas specified in the following network:

New South Wales Controlled Access Bus (CAB) Network Map

- 2) Regardless of any access granted under this section, an eligible vehicle must comply with any conditions or restrictions applied to a stated area or route in the *Specified Road Manager Network Requirements* in the Guide.

Schedule 3 Queensland

1. Application

This schedule applies in Queensland.

2. Condition – Stated routes and areas

- 1) Pursuant to the authorisation granted in section 8 of this notice, an eligible vehicle may operate on:
 - a) All State controlled roads except those restricted by the *Specified Road Manager Network Requirements* published in the Guide; and
 - b) Local government roads as set out in the *Specified Road Manager Network Requirements* published in the Guide.
- 2) Regardless of any access granted under this section, an eligible vehicle must comply with any conditions or restrictions applied to a stated area or route in the *Specified Road Manager Network Requirements* in the Guide.

Schedule 4 South Australia

1. Application

This schedule applies in South Australia.

2. Condition – stated areas and routes

- 1) Pursuant to the authorisation granted in section 8 of this notice, an eligible vehicle may operate in the areas and on the routes specified in this section.
- 2) An eligible vehicle that does not exceed 13.7m in length has general access.
- 3) An eligible vehicle exceeding 13.7m in length may operate on the routes and areas specified in the following network:

Controlled Access Bus up to 14.5m

- 4) Regardless of any access granted under this section, an eligible vehicle must comply with any conditions or restrictions applied to a stated area or route in the *Specified Road Manager Network Requirements* in the Guide.
- 5) In this section, **general access** means access to all roads except as restricted by the *Specified Road Manager Network Requirements* in the Guide.

Schedule 5 Tasmania

1. Application

This Schedule applies in Tasmania.

2. Condition – Stated routes and areas (Networks)

- 1) Pursuant to the authorisation granted in section 8 of this notice, an eligible vehicle meeting the requirements of this Notice and this Schedule may operate on the routes and areas specified in the following network:

Tasmanian 14.5m Long Controlled Access Buses Network

- 2) Regardless of any access granted under this section, an eligible vehicle must comply with any conditions or restrictions applied to a stated area or route in the *Specified Road Manager Network Requirements* in the Guide.

Schedule 6 Victoria

1. Application

This Schedule applies in Victoria.

2. Condition – Stated routes and areas (Networks)

- 1) Pursuant to the authorisation granted in section 8 of this notice, an eligible vehicle meeting the requirements of this Notice and this Schedule may operate on the routes and areas specified in the following network:

Victoria Controlled Access Bus Network

- 2) Regardless of any access granted under this section, an eligible vehicle must comply with any conditions or restrictions applied to a stated area or route in the *Specified Road Manager Network Requirements* in the Guide.